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Mr. Gary Miller, Remedial Project Manager
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re: Phase 3 Wetland Sediment investigation Data and Proposed Phase 4 Wetland Sediment
Investigation Activities, dated February 12, 2008
Gulfco Marine Maintenance Federal Superfund Site, Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has completed review of the above referenced document. The review of this document was completed by the TCEQ Environmental Cleanup Section II, Technical Support Section (Larry Champagne) and the Natural Resource Trustees (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas General Land Office). Based on review of the document, the TCEQ and Trustees have the following comments as presented below:

1. Previous comments on the Phase 1-2 sediment investigation regarding the use of the most recent update of TCEQ's (2006) ecological risk assessment guidance to obtain the most appropriate preliminary screening values apply here and in the evaluation of the Phase 4 samples.
2. Contrary to the text, the locations for proposed samples 4WSED2 and 4WSED3 do not appear on Figure 1.

References:

TCEQ. 2006. Update to Guidance for Conducting Ecological Risk Assessments at Remediation Sites in Texas RG-263 (Revised). January. <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/eco/eco.html>

If you have any questions please contact me at (512) 239-6368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ludmila Voskov".

Ludmila Voskov, P.G., Project Manager
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